



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/692,710 Confirm. No.: 9784  
Filing Date: 10/24/2003  
Inventor: Mark E. Armstrong  
Title: Storage System for Ink Stamps  
Art Unit: [not assigned]  
Examiner: [not assigned]  
Attorney Docket No.: 03090

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To: Mail Stop Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**Petition for Original Filing Date**

Dear Sir:

Applicant received a Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application, mailed April 2, 2004, stating that the specification and the drawings of the utility application were missing. A copy of the Notice is enclosed herewith.

A complete utility application, including a specification of eleven (11) sheets and three (3) sheets of drawings, was filed via Express Mail on October 24, 1004. A copy of a return postcard and an Express Mail label are enclosed herewith as proof of filing. As can be seen, the return postcard contains a carefully itemized listing of all components of the utility application and bears a sticker applied by the OIPE, indicating the above-cited application no. and the filing date. The Express Mail label includes initials by an acceptance clerk at the Patent Office.


Applicant respectfully submits that a utility application that included a Specification, Drawings, a Declaration and an Application Data Sheet, a Power of Attorney, an IDS along with copies of the 9 cited references, and the Utility Patent

Transmittal Form and Fee Transmittal Sheet, along with Check Nos. 6254 and 6261 were filed with the Patent Office on October 24, 1003. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the application be accorded the proper filing date of October 24, 2003.

A transmittal sheet indicating authorization to withdraw the amount of the petition fee acc. to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h) is attached to this petition. Applicant requests that the petition fee be refunded and deposited into the deposit account of the undersigned.

A copy of the application as originally filed is attached to this petition. Applicant requests that the Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application be withdrawn.

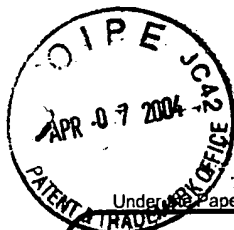
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Utility Patent Application as filed on 10/24/2003  
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# FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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## Complete if Known

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## FEE CALCULATION

### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001 770	2001 385	Utility filing fee	
1002 340	2002 170	Design filing fee	
1003 530	2003 265	Plant filing fee	
1004 770	2004 385	Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ )			

### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	-20** =	X	
Independent Claims	-3** =	X	
Multiple Dependent			

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 86	2201 43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 86	2204 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ )

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## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

### 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 420	2252 210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 950	2253 475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,480	2254 740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,010	2255 1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 330	2401 165	Notice of Appeal	
1402 330	2402 165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 290	2403 145	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,330	2453 665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,330	2501 665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 480	2502 240	Design issue fee	
1503 640	2503 320	Plant issue fee	
1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	130.00
1807 50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806 180	1806 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40	8021 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809 770	2809 385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810 770	2810 385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801 770	2801 385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802 900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify)

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